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EMSP SOAPBOX

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If you have any articles, comments, or need to communicate with me I can be reached through the following: dmslukens@yahoo.com (personal).

Next meeting

Next meeting is **Friday, November 8, 2013** at 7:30 pm in the New Earth and Planetary Sciences building at Washington University (see more details below).

PRESIDENT'S BOX

PREZ' BOX

November officer elections are almost upon us. And I am in my "arm-twisting" mode. So beware, you may be getting a call from me. The alternative is to volunteer for the Vice President nomination and the "at large" Board position. Thank you and here is my email: cecampbell@stlcc.edu.

Faye has set-up another field trip for us. It will be on November 16 to the California Quarry in the Burlington Formation; details at the November meeting. Speaking of field trips, your Board will propose changes to our field trip policy at the November meeting.

We will pick a date (probably Dec. 14) for the Christmas party along with a place at the November meeting. Please be aware that only current club members (and immediate family) are invited. No more free food for friends!

Finally, since you refused to impeach me..... **I QUIT!**



Effective December 31, I will happily turn over the "Dino Gavel" to our new President. All of you have made my job very easy and a pleasure. Your Board is strong and active and the Club's future is fine. And no fossil is ever safe from the "Fossil Club"!
Carl Campbell

Thanks / Congratulations

Thanks to everyone who brought refreshments to the meeting. Also thanks to Faye and Ryan for taking notes as I was out of the country during the meeting. Thanks to Mark, Bruce & Judith W. who brought over our guest speaker.

Welcome

Welcome to several guests who came to our meeting: Audrey & Alex; David (guest of Lindsey); Brooke (student of Mike Fix's); Mark and Judith & Bruce W. brought our guest speaker from Kansas City.

The club members are on our website so if you want to check out some dubious characters, check out the website at

<http://mofossils.com/EMSP%20Web%20Members/index.htm>

November MEETING

Items to be discussed during the November meeting

- Plans for Fall 2013 field trips
- Plans and signup for the November Affton White show
- Officer Elections in November
- Plan for the Christmas party

Upcoming Events/ Field Trips

MEMBERS ONLY Saturday, November 9, 2013 - Field Trip to California Quarry near Jamestown, MO. We will leave from the I-70 Wright City rest stop at 8:00 am and arrive at quarry by 10:00am. It is 1-3/4 hours from rest stop to quarry.

Car Pool Information: Call a Club Officer for additional information.

Directions:

I-70 West to MO-179, Exit 111

MO-179 becomes MO-179/87

Continue to Jamestown.

Go approximately 3 miles south of Jamestown on HWY 87,

Turn left on gravel road before bridge.

Quarry is about 1/4 mile on the gravel road.

10:00 am: Meet at scale house as a group to sign in and get safety instructions.

Drive to quarry area

1. Date for the last 2013 Board of directors meeting is December 2013 at the Christmas party.
Meeting starts at 6 PM, club members are welcome but need to RSVP a club officer.
For address, please contact myself or another club officer.

Notes from the Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by President Carl Campbell

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Treasurer's Report:

Given at the meeting.

New Business:

1. **November elections.** Need someone for Vice President and Member at Large. Encourage some of the newer member to step forward and volunteer for some of the leadership roles.
2. **Christmas Party:** Need location by November meeting. As in past, club will provide the meat, bread, drinks, ice, and table settings and members are asked to bring their favorite covered dish.

Show Report:

1. August Show: Attendance steadily dropping. Need assistance from individual members of all clubs for ideas/suggestions on how to improve. Show Committee meets at Daniel Boone Library on October 15th, 7:00 pm. Club members are asked to attend and submit ideas. Social Media and canvassing retirement centers have been suggested.

Field Trips:

1. **Lake:** 21 September 2013. Tom gave slide show of several finds in Burlington formation. Very impressive.

2. **Falling Springs Quarry:** October 19, 2013.
Trip will be 7:15am-11:45am. Everyone will meet at scale house to sign in and to exit.

3. Additional quarry trip will be setup for November 9, 2013. Faye will provide information on the quarries to Board of Directors and selection of site will be made. Detail to follow.

Auctions:

Two posters donated by Mike Fix were auctioned.

Presentations:

1. Dr. Una Farrell (originally from Ireland – great accent), University of Kansas, Biodiversity Institute, Manager of Invertebrate Collecting at Kansas University, was the guest speaker and gave a very interesting slide show. The topic was Paleonichen: Digitizing fossils to enable new synthesis in paleobiogeography. The website IDIGBIO.org is to get museum date online. Email address is fossils@femnk.ufl.edu.

The 10th North American Paleo Convention is to be held in February 2014 in Florida. Funding is available for representative from each club.

2. John will be our presenter for the November meeting.

Thanks to those who brought refreshments.

Paleo-shorts

-Original and summary articles provided by members of EMSP. Where possible, I have tried to add in website where you can read more.

UPCOMING ROCK, GEM OR FOSSIL SHOWS

2013 Mineral, Gem, Fossil Show and Sale

St. Louis Mineral and Gem Society
Affton White-Rodgers Community Center
9801 Mackenzie Road, St. Louis, MO 63123

Show Flyer at

<http://www.strockclub.com/Portals/4/Images/2013%20show%20flier.pdf>

CONTACTS

Do you need to find out something about the next meeting or have questions on the next field trip? If so, please talk to or contact one of the EMSP officers. Please note that the e-mail contacts have changed

President – Carl (EMSP.Pres@mofossils.com)

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Ryan (EMSP.Sec2@mofossils.com)

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DUES ARE DUE

Our treasurer, Rick will accept dues payment for a full year. **Dues are \$20.00 per household per year-payable in January if receiving the newsletter by e-mail. The dues are \$25 for those receiving the newsletter by regular mail.** See Rick at the next meeting or mail a check (payable to Eastern Missouri Society for Paleontology) to:

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Distribution of the Newsletter by email

Can't find your newsletter, just when you need it for a trip? Then sign up for the e-mail version. This also saves the club money so we can bring in speakers (once we pick some...) E-mail requests to dmslukens@yahoo.com



Meetings are held the 2nd Friday of every month (except July, August, and December) in room 203 of the new Earth & Planetary Sciences Building on the campus of Washington University. The Earth & Planetary Sciences building is on the southwest corner of Hoyt Drive and Forest Park Pkwy. There is a large parking lot just across the street.

What is EMSP?

The Eastern Missouri Society for Paleontology (EMSP) is a not-for-profit organization Dedicated to promoting the enjoyment of fossil collecting. It is open to all individuals interested in learning about the history of life on earth. The club membership includes professional paleontologists as well as amateur hobbyists. The EMSP provides an open forum for the exchange of information and access to expertise on collecting, identifying, preparing and displaying fossils.

EMSP meetings are held on the second Friday of every month (except July, August and December) at 7:30pm in the Earth and Planetary Sciences Building on the campus of Washington University. Each meeting includes an informal exchange of information and speakers on a variety of fossil-related topics.

Weather permitting, field trips to fossil collection localities around the St. Louis area are held each month. Led by experienced collectors, these trips are a fun way to augment discussions at the monthly meetings. The club participates in joint field trips with other paleo clubs, visiting fossil sites throughout the United States. EMSP is also a proud to be involved in partnerships with the St. Louis Science Center and the Greater St. Louis Association of Earth Science Clubs, Inc.